

Verse by Verse: Daniel 10:12

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And thank you Mr. Announcer. Good morning my friends and friends of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and thank you for the privilege of studying the Word of God with you, once again, in your home. And as I've said before, that we look upon all you folks in radio-land as a part of the student body. This is Louis T. Talbot greeting you in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord. Now while you are opening your Bibles to Daniel Chapter 10, you know that we have gone back to one or two of these chapters in the Book of Daniel because when I gave the exposition I just touched on one or two things that demand more thorough exposition and study than what I was able to do.

And so I want you to turn back with me to the 10th chapter of Daniel. Just let me give you in a few words, the heart of this chapter, which lifts the veil, as it were, and gives us an insight into the great conflict that is going on in the unseen world, and also that gives a description of who the real world rulers, are who operate under the influence of Satan. You'll remember that in this 10th chapter that Daniel was praying to the Lord to give him information that had to do with a future of his nation. And we learned that this man Daniel, for three whole weeks, had been before God in earnest supplication; and how that he prayed earnestly and sought the LORD in behalf of his own people, Israel. And yet no answer came from God. And Daniel had been praying, and just devoting himself in earnest prayer; he did not even have meals, but just gave himself to intercession and God seemed to turn a deaf ear to his petitions. but an angel

appears at the close of the 21 day of intercession, and tells him that at the very beginning of his supplication that the Commandment went forth, and God had sent him from the throne of God to make known to Daniel the very thing that was on his mind, and set his mind at rest in regard to God's purpose and final blessing of his people, the people of Israel. But for 21 days that at this angel had been fighting his way through the fiends of the upper air. And he says the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood him; and as we have already seen that that Prince of Persia was not Cyrus himself, but rather an evil angel evidently delegated by Satan to seek to influence the hearts of the Persian Kings against the people of God. And that that angel had withstood, that fallen angel had withstood this Holy Angel of the Lord for 1 and 20 days. and nor could that divinely sent messenger prevail until Michael the Archangel, called here in this 10th chapter one of the chief princes, to come and enable him to cut his way through.

You read all about this in verse 12. Just look at this verse 12, will you? and we'll just read the text where all this is recorded, verse 12, "Then he," that is the angel, "Then he said unto me, 'Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words,' that is because of his prayer. "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me." Now, my dear friends that this is very, very solemn, and very, very mysterious; but it is something outside of the realm of human understanding. and as I have said before, that you and I cannot know anything about what, about the conflicts that are continuously being carried on in the unseen world, save what God has revealed about it in his word. But this much is very, very clear: Here was a man that was praying earnestly on earth, and God had heard that prayer in heaven, and in answer to it, He sent an angel. But for three weeks there was some hindrance keeping the angel from reaching Daniel;

that hindrance was in the unseen world, and by such a power, that the Archangel himself was needed to overcome it.

Do you know, my dear friends, that portions of Scripture like this one are ridiculed by unconverted people, and unconverted preachers, and unconverted people who are members of a church? I remember that years ago when I was the pastor of a Presbyterian church in the state of Iowa, and many other people were godly people, but I was giving some addresses on the plan of the ages, and I happened to, when we got to the opening chapters in Genesis about the devil coming into the Garden of Eden, that to some of the men and people there said to me, "But Mr. Talbot, you don't believe all that. You don't believe that the devil is a person. You do not believe that there are such things as evil spirits." My dear friends, they had been looked upon, they had been taught, to discount all that. And there are thousands of people who name the name of God, that is professed to be converted, and yet they look upon the devil and all of his cohorts as a kind of a joke. And they call the devil "Old Nick, Old Harry, and Old Scratch;" but he is no joke, my dear friends. He is no joke, let me tell you. You know that the word of God tells us that at the close of this age that the devil is going to dazzle this world by his beauty, and by his wisdom, when he gives the Antichrist his kingdom and His power. And ever since Calvary, in fact ever since that man was created, that devil is endeavoring to outwit God. And what you are have in this chapter 10, my dear friends, the devil and other fallen angels are presented as the real rulers of this world. And they are the ones who create in the minds of rulers the political policies as we see them today; and all rulers, and kings, and dictators who do not know God and Christ just like a lot of little figures on a chessboard board. And the devil, the prince and the power of the air, and the prince of this world, just moves them at his will in an attempt to outwit God, and to bring to naught the plans of God for you and me.

My dear friends, that's the only way you can explain the Middle East crisis, and every other crisis that this world has seen. But you know that the crises today, they just pile up one after the other. And the real objective of the Middle East crisis today is the extermination of the nation of Israel. You know you know what we mean by Anti-Semitism. Now my friends, Anti-Semitism which has for its objective the extermination of the nation of Israel, has been carried on now for thousands of years. And the devil has a plan to get rid of that nation. And my dear friends, Not only has he got a plan to get rid of the nation, he has got a plan also to corrupt the church, as well. And what a job. What a wonderful job the devil has done. You know, my dear friends, when I say that the devil has done a wonderful job, I tell you that the trouble is that he always does the wrong thing but he certainly makes a great job at doing the wrong thing. But you know that one day in the near future, that Christ is going to dislodge the devil and all his hosts from their present sphere of operation, which is in the first two heavens; that is the devil is portrayed as the prince and the power of the air, and that he is in heavenly places. Well one day, the Lord, Jesus Christ, is going to dislodge them and he is going to shake them from their present base of operation; and then they will come down to this earth.

You know that some folks have asked the question "what is the meaning of the Lord's statement in connection with His second coming, as recorded in Luke chapter 21:24?" That's one of the questions that I haven't yet asked. But folks have asked this question: "What did the Lord mean when He said that the powers of the heavens shall be shaken?" Well my dear friends, it is this very thing. that is, that when the church is translated, We're going to be called up to meet the Lord in the air, where the devil and his cohorts are now operating because he is called the prince and the power of the air. But, that's where you and I are going to be caught up to meet the Lord. You'll remember how that Paul says in 1 Thessalonians chapter 4, that we're going to be called

up to meet the Lord in the air, That is right into the devil's territory, And when we go up that they're going to be shaken from their present sphere of operation. And my friends, when they're shaken out of that place, they're not gonna be shaken into hell. They're going to be shaken down here personally to this earth. And the word of God says that when the devil comes down, that he'll come down with great wrath because He knows that his time is short. And you know I tell you that that's the reason why things are really going to go fast. That's the reason why things are really going to happen after the church is translated. Because after the church is gone there is going to be 7 years, the 70th week of Daniel, that will run its course. And the program, the greater part of the Book of Revelation, is taken up with the operation of the devil as this world is going to see it. And it'll be just but a brief time of 7 years; and it'll begin with a translation of the church, and it'll end with the return of the Lord in glory.

Now returning to this chapter, this 10th chapter of Daniel. God has given to us an insight in regard to demonology. Demonology that is the system of teaching that asked to do with demons; that is fallen demons and also the conflict that is going on continuously in the unseen world. Now we considered yesterday, my dear friends, just a part of this as recorded in the first chapter of Job. That's the part of the other conflict; you know that the devil is out after God's people. You will find in the word of God that the devil is always operating on God's ground. That is, with people that are in some way or another directly connected with God. And in the first jump of Job you have a part of that conflict; how that the devil challenged God as to the integrity of Job. That God said, "Hath thou considered my servant, Job, that there is none like him in all the earth?" Then the devil said to God, "hath Job, is Job serving thee for naught? Why look what you have given him. You have made him the wealthiest man in the world; all the cattle, and all the gold, and all the silver, and everything that he needs." And the devil says "why God, that's why

Job is serving you!" And then the devil said something else. He said, "Hast thou not put a hedge about him, and about everything that he has?" I am so glad, my dear friends, that the devil confessed there that he was unable to touch Job or to touch anything that Job had, until he got God's permission. Do you know that that is true concerning you, my dear friends? You might say "well what is that hedge?" Well that hedge, my dear friends, is the will of God. And if you are in the center of the will of God, then the devil cannot touch you until God gives him permission.

You know that the old Puritans used to say that that hedge was so tall that the big devils couldn't get over it, and it was so thick that the little devils couldn't get through it. And you know that God, the strange thing is, that God allowed the devil to get through that hedge, And Job went all through all through that terrible affliction. Well you may say to me "but Brother Talbot, why did God allow the devil to get through that hedge and put Job through all that trouble?" Well God allowed it, my dear friends, for a number of reasons. He allowed that for the same reason that He allows the devil to get through the hedge that surrounds you. And one of the reasons why God allowed the devil to get through was for Job's own good. You know that God had blessed Job; He made him the wealthiest man in the world. And God gave him blessing, and gave him prosperity; prosperity in spirit, in material things, as well as spiritual. My dear friends, where are the people that can have prosperity, and blessing, and especially blessing in spiritual things, and yet remain humble as God bestows those things upon them. Why it's the very reverse; how cocky we get when we seem to get somewhere in the world. And we forget that whatever we are and whatever we possess comes from the goodness of God. I have known men, and I guess you have too, who in days of obscurity and when they're having a struggle that they were humble, and then God in His goodness just blesses them, and you know that they really began to think that they were somebody. And after a while it was scarce, it's impossible almost for you to

live with them. And you know my dear friends, we're all in that class. And you know that God allowed the devil to break through to sift us; He allowed the devil to break through to get a hold of Job. I wouldn't be surprised to know that the Lord was just allowed that in order to keep Job's feet on the ground. And you know that the devil is allowed to break through in order that he might sift us as weak.

You remember, my dear friends that the Lord spoke about that very thing in regard to Peter. You know you remember what Peter said, my, my. But how cocky Peter was. The Lord was telling of how that He was going to the cross and Peter says "Lord you even if all of these others forsake the, you can count on me, Lord, I won't forsake you." And when Peter said that, my dear friends, he was saying a lot of bunk. He was just cut off of the same piece of cloth that all the rest of them were. And you know that the Lord said to Peter, He says, "Peter Satan hath desired ye, that he might sift the as weak," and the devil desired The Lord to sift Peter as wheat because the devil heard Peter say what he did. That is, "though all for sake ye, yet I will not forsake the," and the Lord in other words, was saying about, that is the devil, was saying about Peter what he said about Job. He says "Let me get my hand on him, and I'll show you what he'll do. He'll just deny you three times, and he'll deny you with oaths and curses." and the Lord said "Peter," He says "I'm going to pray for you, that I might--The devil is going to sift you as wheat." And when wheat is sifted, my dear friends, it's separated from the chaff; and it's what, or how that God uses the devil. He uses the devil and He lets him break through the hedge that he has put around us in order that we might be sifted. And my friends, I want to tell you this: that all that the devil gets when he, when the Lord allows him to sift us, all that he gets is the chaff. That's all. And the Lord gets the wheat.

Let me tell you, my dear friends, this: you know that God does not want a lot of chaff. He does not want a lot of bluff, and a lot of boasting, and a lot of pride. He does not want that. He does not want a lot of chaff, but when the devil is thus used to sift God's wheat, when His children are thus put into the devil's sieve not one grain of wheat is lost. Do you believe that, my dear friends? Not one grain of wheat is lost; the devil is simply used by God for the separation of the chaff from the wheat that is all. Do not be despaired; do not despair, my dear friends, if like Job, and like Peter, you are put into the devil's sieve. You know it is God, Himself, who is letting you to be sifted like that because he sees a lot of chaff in your life. and you be very careful, my dear friends, and I have myself in mind, as well, as when I address you folks, you be very careful about boasting because when you boast about anything that you do, especially in the Christian realm, And especially about your accomplishments, when you boast, my dear friends, the devil hears. And the Devil says "I'll certainly knock him off of his pedestal." and he goes into the presence of God and he says "let me have him. He is a fellow that says that he has done this, and done that, and what a wonderful fellow he is. Let me get a hold of him." and my dear friends, the Lord lets the devil get a hold of you in order that the devil might sift you. Only when the devil gets ahold of you, my dear friends, he is not out to separate chaff from the wheat in order that God might get the wheat. He thinks he's gonna get the whole business; and he thinks that he'll just have you just go on, and on, and on, relying upon your own strength. You have in mind, you remember all this, my dear friends, when you go through trials; it may be that you have a lot of wheat, you have a lot of chaff in your life that you know nothing about. That's the trouble, my dear friends, with us when we start boasting: we don't know ourselves and we do not know just how much chaff we have. And often times a lot of that talk we give, and a lot of the things we

talk about in regard to our victories, and we all have them, my dear friends, it's all a lot of chaff. And the devil comes along.

But all that I want to leave with you is this, my friends, and this time has gone on. I don't know whether I ought to go on with this. That is tomorrow; I may, because there is no subject that is more solemn than what is recorded here. But let me say to you, my dear friends that this 10th chapter of the book of Daniel ought to bring every one of us to realize the power of Satan's hosts. And it would seem, that under the leadership of the devil, but these fallen creatures are organized into a great army. Among whom there are ranks, and degrees, and powers. We know that the angels are all organized into, just like a well-organized army; you have Gabriel, and you have Michael the Archangel, and then there are the lower orders, and then there are angels innumerable, that I might call, for want of a better word, just the ordinary angels. But they're organized like a mighty army, the angels of God are. And the angels, the fallen angels that are aligned with a devil, they're organized in the same way. And I want to tell you, my dear friends, that as we all realize how Satan's messengers oppose even God's holy angels, that our hearts are solemnized at the thought of our own helplessness against these demons apart from divine aid. That's why the apostle Paul, he writes to the Ephesians, and he says "put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood." You know if we were up against flesh and blood, my dear friends, you could get your hands on it. But we're not wrestling among, wrestling with flesh and blood. You know where wrestling here against principalities, and powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world. You know that there is the indication that all the hosts of darkness are like a well-organized army. You put down on your piece of paper: Ephesians chapter 6 verses 11 to 17. And note, my dear friends, not so much about being armor, although that is worth looking at. And you

know that among the armor, please note the helmet for the head, because some of us, you know, that's where we go wrong. We go wrong with the head, especially when God blesses us. Then we go wrong with the head. But I wanted a note what God says about this army, principalities, powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world.

Well we'll continue this tomorrow. We'll take one other lesson in this. Goodbye and God bless you all.

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